

Wisconsin E-Brief for Title I Focus Schools

An e-newsletter from the Title I and School Support Team

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The Focus School Grant has been uploaded into the Title I section of the electronic ESEA consolidated grant application.

Please make sure to complete the proposed budget for the Focus School Grant funds as soon as possible.

- ❖ This \$14,000 grant must be used to support the professional development needs of staff and/or to support the utilization of Indistar.
- ❖ The grant funds can be approved once there are three active objectives with assigned tasks in Indistar, and, if your school is not PBIS trained, the timeline for PBIS training has been communicated to your Focus School liaison by e-mail.
- ❖ Focus School Grants will be approved within 30 days of submission. **Please send an e-mail to your Focus School liaison when the budget for the grant is submitted.**

Possible professional development funded with Focus School Grants can include:

- **Wisconsin State Reading Association:** [WSRA Convention 2014 - February 6-8, 2014](#)
- **Wisconsin Mathematics Council:** [46th WMC Annual Conference - April 30-May 2, 2014](#)
- **Wisconsin Title I Association Conference, April 3-4, 2014**

If you have any questions, or need any help, please contact your [Focus School Liaison](#).

New

YouTube video ["How to Access DEWs"](#)

Attention secondary schools: Please review your students' data in **WISEdash** under the **Dropout Early Warning System** (DEWS) and incorporate this into your Early Warning System (EWS) plans.

New

YouTube video [Indistar video on Leadership Teams](#)

This video from Indistar gives an example of how one Leadership Team uses Indistar to focus their work on the **implementation** of effective practice in a **continuous improvement** process. There are also tips for using Indistar offline and/or online.

Professional Development Opportunities

New webinar in the series Balancing Intervention and Prevention of Reading Difficulties

The next webinar in the DPI series *Balancing the Intervention and Prevention of Reading Difficulties* will be published the week of November 4. This webinar, facilitated by Literacy Consultant Laura Adams and featuring district reading specialists from Oshkosh and Wausau school districts, will focus on monitoring the progress of students in reading interventions. Find this webinar and previous webinars in the series at http://bit.ly/13_14LitWebinars. A webinar about Wisconsin's new SLD rule will be published the week of November 18. This webinar will give special emphasis to the role of the reading specialist in implementing the rule, which takes effect for Wisconsin public schools December 1, 2013. Note that these webinars are recorded in Blackboard Collaborate, which requires the most up-to-date version of Java, and are best viewed in Internet Explorer.

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CLCC Grant Opportunity

The DPI is accepting applications for [21st Century Community Learning Center \(CCLC\) grants](#). The 21st CCLC program supports high-quality academic support, recreation, youth development, and family programs during after school hours and summers.

- Applicants must primarily serve students attending schools with 40 percent or more of enrolled students eligible for free or reduced lunch or equivalent economic need.
- Public school districts, private schools, charter schools, and community-based organizations may apply, either individually or in a consortium including two or more.
- Awards are made for five consecutive years, contingent upon satisfactory progress toward goals. **This competition is for potential new centers and those that are currently in the 5th (last) year of any five year cycle.**

Applications are currently available and are due on or before January 31, 2014. Visit http://sspw.dpi.wi.gov/sspw_clcgrant to download the application and guidance materials.

The DPI is offering three grant workshops to help with the application process:

November 18: Madison, WI - Crowne Plaza

November 20: Rothschild, WI - Holiday Inn

November 22: 90-minute Web-based workshop

Visit http://sspw.dpi.wi.gov/sspw_dpiclctrng for more information regarding the workshops.

Please contact Gary Sumnicht at gary.sumnicht@dpi.wi.gov or (608) 267-5078, or Alison Wineberg at alison.wineberg@dpi.wi.gov or (608) 267-3751, with questions about the program and competition, and for assistance with applications.

Resources

DPI Title I Focus School Homepage: <http://focus-schools.dpi.wi.gov>

DPI Title I Focus School Resources: http://focus-schools.dpi.wi.gov/focus_resources